

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A computer assisted method ~~for increasing the participation of contributors that provide donations to an organization, wherein the organization helps provide cash, goods and/or services to one or more charitable organizations and/or one or more people in need, the method~~ comprising the steps of:

receiving either directly or indirectly a donation from a contributor;  
assigning the donation to a delivery lot;  
delivering the delivery lot to one or more people in need;  
obtaining the location of the delivery lot at one or more points in time; and  
providing the location of the delivery lot to the contributor at one or more points in time;  
wherein a computer processor assists in performing one or more of the receiving, assigning, obtaining and providing steps.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the receiving step includes receiving information related to the donation via the Internet.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 2 wherein the information includes a contributor's name.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 2 wherein the information includes a contributor's payment information.

5. (Original) A method according to claim 2 wherein the information includes a donation preference.

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6. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the receiving step includes receiving information related to the donation via the phone.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the receiving step includes receiving information related to the donation via email.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the delivery lot includes food.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the delivery lot includes medicine.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the delivery lot includes cash or a cash equivalent.

11. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the location of the delivery lot is provided in response to a request from the contributor.

12. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the location of the delivery lot is provided via a web site that is accessible by the contributor.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the location of the delivery lot is automatically provided to the contributor at the one or more points in time.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 13 wherein the location of the delivery lot is provided to the contributor via e-mail.

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15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the delivery lot includes one type of goods.

16. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the delivery lot includes two or more types of goods.

17. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein each donation is assigned to a unique delivery lot.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein two or more donations are assigned to a common delivery lot.

19. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the obtaining step includes obtaining the location of the delivery lot at two or more points in time, each corresponding to a different location.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer assisted method ~~for increasing the participation of contributors that provide donations to an organization, wherein the organization helps provide cash, goods and/or services to one or more charitable organizations and/or one or more people in need, the method~~ comprising the steps of:

receiving either directly or indirectly two or more donations from two or more contributors, wherein the two or more donations are not initially designated as corresponding to any particular delivery lot;

assigning each donation to one of a number of delivery lots;

delivering the delivery lots to one or more people in need;

obtaining the location of each delivery lot at one or more points in time; and

providing the location of the delivery lots to one or more contributors at one or more points in time, each contributor receiving the location of the delivery lot(s) that correspond to the

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contributor's donation(s);

wherein a computer processor assists in performing one or more of the receiving, assigning, obtaining and providing steps.

21. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 20 wherein each donation is assigned a unique ID, and each contributor provides or selects the unique ID to receive the location of the corresponding delivery lot(s).

22. (Original) A method according to claim 21 wherein each contributor provides or selects the unique ID via a web site.

23. (Original) A method according to claim 20 wherein the obtaining step includes obtaining the location of each delivery lot at two or more points in time, each corresponding to a different location.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~A system for increasing the participation of contributors that provide donations to an organization, wherein the organization helps provide cash, goods and/or services to one or more charitable organizations and/or one or more people in need, the system comprising:~~

means for receiving either directly or indirectly a donation from a contributor;  
means for assigning the donation of the contributor to a delivery lot;  
means for obtaining the location of the delivery lot at one or more points in time; and  
means for providing the location of the delivery lot to the contributor at one or more points in time.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~A computer assisted method for increasing the participation of contributors that provide donations to an organization, wherein the organization helps provide cash, goods and/or services to one or more charitable organizations and/or one or more people in~~

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~~need, the method~~ comprising the steps of:

assigning selected donations to a common delivery lot for delivery to an ultimate destination; and

reporting information relating to the delivery of the delivery lot directly to those contributors whose donations have been assigned to the delivery lot;

wherein a computer processor assists in performing one or more of the assigning and reporting steps.

26. (Original) A method according to claim 25 wherein the contributors include individuals.

27. (Original) A method according to claim 25 wherein the contributors include organizations with organization members.

28. (Original) A method according to claim 25 wherein information relating to the delivery of the delivery lot is reported to one or more members of the contributing organizations.

29. (Original) A method according to claim 25 further comprising the step of: providing a chat room so that the contributors that provided donations to a common delivery lot can communicate with each other.

30. (Currently Amended) A computer assisted method ~~for increasing the participation of contributors that provide donations to an organization, wherein the organization helps provide cash, goods and/or services to one or more charitable organizations and/or one or more people in need, the method~~ comprising the steps of:

displaying one or more delivery lots to a contributor that need to be funded;

accepting a selection of one or more of the available delivery lots by the contributor, and

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accepting a donation thereto;

    sending a funded delivery lot once the delivery lot is fully funded;

    obtaining location information for the funded delivery lot after the funded delivery lot is sent;

    providing the location information to those contributors that provided donations to the funded delivery lot; and

    wherein a computer processor assists in performing one or more of the displaying, accepting, sending, obtaining and providing steps.

31. (cancel)

32. (Currently Amended) A computer assisted method ~~for increasing the participation of contributors that provide donations, the method~~ comprising:

    receiving either directly or indirectly a donation from a contributor, wherein the donation is not initially designated as corresponding to any particular delivery lot ~~resource request~~ of a charity or other non-profit;

    assigning the donation to a delivery lot;

providing an indication to the contributor that indicates which delivery lot the contributor's donation has been assigned to by the assigning step;

    obtaining the location of the delivery lot at one or more points in time; and

    providing the location of the delivery lot either directly or indirectly to the contributor;

    wherein a computer processor assists in performing one or more of the obtaining and providing steps.

33-36. (Cancel)